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PROVINCE

REF: UDORN 0068

1. CONREP VISITED NONG KHAI PROVINCIAL IMMIGRATION CHIEF
MARCH 17 TO OBTAIN UPDATE ON HMONG INFLUX. LATTER
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REPORTS HMONG ARRIVALS BUT STATED THAT 47
THAI DAM REFUGEES ENTERED MUANG (CAPITAL) DISTRICT NEAR
NONG BAENG VILLAGE EARLY MORNING HOURS MARCH 17.
IMMIGRATION CHIEF STATED THAT THIS GROUP OF THAI DAM
HAD BEEN RESIDENTS OF THA DEUA AREA, ACROSS RIVER
FROM NONG KHAI PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, FOR PAST 20 YEARS.
THAI DAM SAID THEY FLED TO NONG KHAI BECAUSE OF RUMORS THAT

LPDR AUTHORITIES PLAN TO SEND THEM TO SEMINAR CAMPS.

2. IMMIGRATION CHIEF STATED THAT TRANSFER OF DETAINEES FROM DETENTION CENTER TO REFUGEE CAMP NOT YET UNDERWAY BUT SHOULD BEGIN NO LATER THAN MARCH 18.

3. NONG KHAI IRC MEDIC DR GARCIA, WHO VISITED AT OUR REQUEST NEW HMONG REFUGEE ARRIVALS IN PHON PHISAI AND BUNG KAN DISTRICTS MARCH 16, STOPPED BY CONSULATE TO REPORT THAT SHE IS DEPARTING FOR BANGKOK MARCH 17 TO PERSONALLY SEEK ADDITIONAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES. SHE SAID THAT WITHOUT MORE MEDICINES SHE WILL BE UNABLE TO TREAT CURRENT HMONG INFLUX.

4. TWO SWISS NATIONALS, REPRESENTING INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF RED CROSS (ICRC) OFFICE IN BANGKOK ALSO VISITED CONSULATE MARCH 17. THEY HAVE BEEN VISITING BORDER DISTRICT POLICE STATIONS IN NORTH AND NORTHEAST LOOKING INTO PLIGHT OF ILLEGAL ENTRANTS, IEM POST-NOVEMBER 15 REFUGEES. THEY STATED THAT THEY HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY RELIEF SUPPLIES TO ILLEGAL ENTRANTS IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE. WE BRIEFED THEM ON HMONG SITUATION IN NONG KHAI. ICRC REPS SAID THEY PLAN TO MEET CAMA SERVICES REP TONIGHT AND WILL DEPART FOR NAKHON PHANOM MARCH 18.

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